GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF JAMALPUR WORKSHOP
JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jamalpur is the oldest railway workshop and fully equipped with the modern technology and capacity to work;

(b) if so, whether the number of workers in this workshop has come down from 22 thousand to 6-7 thousand;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Railways have not given wagon manufacturing orders to this workshop instead of Standing Committee`s recommendations to frame rules in this regard;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to utilize the full capacity of this workshop?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O.RAJAGOPAL)

(a) Yes, Sir. Jamalpur workshop is one of the oldest railway workshops established in 1862 and has necessary equipment and infrastructure to meet the present workload.

(b) and (c) The staff strength of Jamalpur had been about 18,500 in 1960 and is about 10,500 at present. This reduction in staff strength has been on account of phasing out of labour-intensive steam loco overhauling activity.

(d) and (e) The Standing Committee on Railways had desired to explore the possibility of manufacture of wagons at Jamalpur workshop. The proposal to set up the wagon manufacturing facilities was examined. However, in view of the existing surplus wagon manufacturing capacity in the country, taking up such manufacture at Jamalpur has not been found necessary.

(f) At present, the workshop is undertaking Periodic Overhauling (POH) of diesel locos and wagons.It is also manufacturing 140 tonnes cranes, tower wagons, brake blocks and whiting jacks. The shop also undertakes POH of cranes and tower wagons.The capacity of the shop is being utilized as per the Railways` requirement.